



October 5, 2018

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket No. 14-58; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, October 4, 2018, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), together with Denny Law, Chief Executive Officer of Golden West Telecommunications, met with Nicholas Degani, Senior Counsel to Chairman Ajit Pai.

In the meeting, we discussed how best to fulfill Chairman Pai’s desire to address federal universal service fund (“USF”) budget concerns by the end of the year. Mr. Law and I noted the overwhelming support from stakeholders in the record of the above-referenced proceedings and among policymakers more generally for the provision of longer-term sufficient and predictable funding to promote universal service in rural areas. We encouraged the Commission to adopt and implement a straightforward set of reforms that provides support that is both sufficient and predictable for each of the already-existing USF mechanisms and continues to promote effective and responsible use of USF resources going forward.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the rules of the Commission, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano

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cc: Nicholas Degani